REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered this Application in connection with the Examiner's Action, and respectfully request reconsideration of this Application in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

Pending in the application are Claims 1 - 4, 7 - 9, and 12 - 14.

I. Claim Objections

Claims 16 - 18 stand rejected as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicant has cancelled Claims 16 - 18 and respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 12 - 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as being non-enabled. The Examiner asserts that the claims are enabled for a method of treatment of HIV-1 infection but that the specification does not provide enablement for the treatment of all viral infections. To expedite allowance of this application, Applicant has amended Claims 12 - 14 to provide that they are directed to methods of treatment of HIV-1 infection. Thus, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are enabled and allowable.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that, in light of the foregoing Amendment and comments, Claims 1 - 4, 7 - 9, and 12 - 14 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

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If the Examiner has any other matters which pertain to this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve these matters by Examiner's Amendment where possible.

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